

Estate of Lame Bear
Testimony of Robert Burns

Robert Burns, after being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Q. What is your name, age and residence?

A. Robert Burns, age 49 years and reside at Darlington, Okla.

Q. Did you know Lame Bear during his lifetime?

A. Yes, I knew him.

Q. Is he still living?

A. No, he is dead.

Q. When did he die, and what was his age at the time of his death?

A. Lame Bear died Feb. 21, 1894, at the age of about 72 years.

Q. Was he married at the time of his death?

A. Yes, he was married to Different Standing.

Q. Did he leave any surviving children?

A. Yes, he left four children, namely Rufus Gilbert, Albert Gilbert, Digger Haag and One Eye, all of whom are now living.

Q. Did he leave any grandchildren by any deceased child?

A. Yes, he left two grandchildren by/deceased daughter, ~~namely~~
Little Beaver (Allotted as /his
Sleeping Bear)

Q. Are these grandchildren still living and what are their names?

A. Yes, both of them are still living, and their names are Yellow Eagle, a boy and Sitting Together, a girl.

Q. When did Little Beaver (Sleeping Bear) die?

A. She died Feb. 10, 1894, just a few days before her father died.

Q. Did Lame Bear leave any other surviving grandchild?

A. Yes, Mary Gilbert, a daughter of Twin, Lame Bear's deceased son.

Q. Is Mary Gilbert still living?

A. No, she died May 6, 1896, at the age of 11 years.

Q. Who was her mother?

A. Mrs. Rufus Gilbert, who is still living.

Q. Was Mary Gilbert survived by any brothers or sisters?

A. Yes, one half-sister by the name of Ella Romero and a half-brother named George Romero.

Q. Are Ella and George Romero still living?

A. No, both are dead.

Q. When did they die, and what were their ages at the time of their deaths?

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- A. George Romero died Oct. 10, 1897, unmarried and without issue; Ella Romero died Jan. 30, 1903, age 20, unmarried and without issue.
- Q. Who was the father of George and Ella Romero?
A. Rafael Romero, a Mexican.
- Q. Is Rafael Romero still living?
A. No, he died July 2, 1902.
- Q. Was he married at the time of his death?
A. Yes, he was married to Loving.
- Q. Is Loving still living?
A. No, she died July 12, 1906.
- Q. When and how were Rafael Romero and Loving married?
A. They were married in 1887 according to Indian Custom.
- Q. Did they have any children, and if so, what were their names?
A. They had three children to my knowledge, Minnie, Ralph and May Romero, all of whom are still living.
- Q. When and how were Rafael Romero and Mrs. Rufus Gilbert separated?
A. I do not know exactly when they were separated, but I do know that they were separated before the allotments and by Indian custom.
- Q. Was Loving, the surviving wife of Rafael Romero, married at the time of her death?
A. No.
- Q. Is Different Standing, the surviving wife of Lane Bear, still living?
A. No, she died Oct. 26, 1902, at the age of about 78 years.
- Q. Was Different Standing married to any other man besides Lane Bear?
A. I understand that she was previously married to Yellow Robe, who died a long time prior to the time Different Standing died.
- Q. - How many children, if any, were born of this marriage between Different Standing and Yellow Robe?
A. They had three children to my knowledge, namely Buffalo, a boy, Roman Nose, a boy, and Ki-o, a girl.
- Q. Are these children still living?
A. No, all died long before the allotments were made here.

Q. Was Buffalo married, if so, to whom?

A. Yes, Buffalo was married to Sage Woman and had one child, a son named Hay-a-ve-sh-yo, who died I think about the year 1890 at the age of 25 years; Hay-a-ve-sh-yo was never married or had any children.

Q. Was Roman Nose married?

A. Yes, Roman Nose was married to Washee Block, and had one child, a girl named Ki-o, who died before the allotments were made, and was about 15 or 16 years old at the time of her death; Ki-o was never married or had any children.

Q. Was Ki-o #1 ever married?

A. Yes, Ki-o #1 was married to a Kiowa Indian whose name I do not know. They never had any children.

Q. Who were the father and mother of Different Standing?

A. I understand that Cut Nose was her father, and her mother was a Sioux Indian woman whose name I do not know.

Q. Are the father and mother of Different Standing now living?

A. No, both died either before I was born or when I was small, as I never knew them.

Q. Was Different Standing the only child born as a result of the marriage of Cut Nose and the Sioux Indian woman?

A. Yes, Different Standing was the only child born of this marriage to my knowledge.

Q. Were either Cut Nose or the Sioux Indian woman ever married before?

A. I do not know whether the Sioux Indian woman was ever married before or not, but I understand that Cut Nose was married to three other woman, namely Bear Woman, Ah-ne-wah and Crooked Woman, all of whom died before ~~standing~~ Different Standing died.

Q. Can you tell me the dates of the deaths of these three women?

A. It is my understanding that Bear Woman was killed at the Sand Creek massacre in Colorado on Nov. 29, 1864. I am not sure about Ah-no-wah, but I believe that she was also killed at the same massacre. Crooked Woman, who was allotted as Grass Woman, died March 5, 1900.

Q. Tell me as far as you know the children of Cut nose by each of the wives you have named?

A. By the Sioux woman, Different Standing, ~~the daughter~~ was the only child.

By Bear Woman, Standing Woman Flacco, White Bobtail, White Leaf or Yellow Man, Tall Bull and one daughter whose name I do not now recall.

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~~Ex~~ By An-no-wah, Lone Wolf, a son.
By Crooked Woman, one son named Flying Hawk.

Q. Did any of these brothers and sisters of Different Standing survive her?

A. Yes, Different Standing was survived by Standing Woman Flacco, White Bobtail, and Lone Wolf.

Q. Can you give me the dates of the deaths of Different Standing's other brothers and sisters?

A. White Leaf was killed at the Sand Creek massacre in Colorado on Nov. 29, 1864;

Flying Hawk was killed in a battle with the Pawnee Indians about the year 1867;

The sister whose name I cannot recall was killed at the Sand Creek massacre Nov. 29, 1864;

Tall Bull died April 12, 1900.

Q. Did White Leaf leave any surviving children?

A. Yes, Robert Burns (Myself) son and only child of White Leaf.

Q. Did Flying Hawk ever marry or have any children?

A. ~~He~~ She was never married or had any children.

Q. Was the sister whose name you cannot recall ever married or have any children?

A. Yes, she left a son named Turtle, who is now living.

Q. Was Tall Bull ever married or have any children?

A. Yes, Tall Bull was married to Sweet Root and had one daughter named Bear Woman. Both Sweet Root and Bear Woman are now living.

Q. Are all of the brothers and sisters who survived Different Standing still living?

A. Standing Woman Flacco is the only one still living.

Q. When did the others die?

A. Lone Wolf died July 21, 1911, a widower, leaving surviving him one granddaughter named Young Bird, age now about 27 years, who is the daughter of Lone Wolf's deceased daughter, also named Young Bird.

White Bobtail died June 23, 1904, a widow, and left surviving two grandsons, namely Robert Starr and Little Bird (allotted as Yellow Bird), sons of White Bobtail's deceased Daughter Crooked Pole. Robert Starr is still living. Little Bird or Yellow Bird died May 10, 1905, unmarried and without issue, leaving surviving his father, Star.

Q. Is Star still living?

A. No, he died December 27, 1905.

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- Q. Was he married at the time of his death?
A. Yes, he was married to Long Face at the time of his death. They had no children by this marriage, but Star left a son named Robert Starr, a child of a former marriage. (This is the same Robert Starr mentioned above as a grandchild of White Bobtail).
- Q. Is Long Face still living?
A. Yes; she is now the wife of Matches.
- Q. Who do you think are the heirs of Lame Bear, the decedent in this case?
A. Rufus Gilbert, Albert Gilbert or Alton Gilbert, One Eye, Digger Haag, Yellow Eagle, Sitting Together, Mrs. Rufus Gilbert, Minnie Romero, Ralph Romero, May Romero, Standing Woman Flacco, Bear Woman (Nibs), Turtle, Robert Burns (myself), Young Bird, Robert Starr and Long Face.

Robert Burns

Sworn and subscribed to before me this the 22nd day of July, 1914.

W. D. GOODWIN
Examiner of Inheritance.